

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 4th 1999

Counties Contest

The annual Spring 2 Metres Counties Contest will take place tomorrow, Easter Monday running from 1400 to 1600utc. As usual there are five sections, FM only, low and high power portable and low and high power fixed. Repeater QSOs are not allowed and contest operation is not permitted on the simplex channels S20, S21, S22 and S23. The report is a serial number starting with 001 and your county. The final score is the total number of points multiplied by the total number of counties worked.

Coast Stations Special Event

In excess of ninety special event stations will take to the air next weekend April 10th and 11th to recognise the contribution made by these stations to the safety of life at sea. The stations will be located all over the world and will operate both SSB and CW. A special certificate is available for working or logging ten of these stations. Send your log extract plus four pounds sterling to Box 50, Helston, Cornwall TR12 7YQ, England. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the RNLI and to the Mission for Seamen.

There will three stations operating here, EI4EJM in Donegal, representing Malin Head Radio, EI4EJK in Kerry representing Valentia Radio and EI4EIL in Cork Harbour representing Haulbowline Naval Radio.

All stations will QSL all contacts and there is no need to send them QSL cards. Anybody who needs a list of all stations should send a stamped addressed business size envelope to EI4BZ at QTHR.

A separate event, to mark the closure of Portishead Radio, GKA, will run for the month of April. All the old Commonwealth Area stations plus a few guest stations will be active during the month, mainly on CW. An award is available for working ten of the stations from the same location already mentioned and for the same price.

IRTS Annual General Meeting

The IRTS AGM and Dinner dance will be held in the Fairways Hotel in Dundalk over the weekend of April 24/25th. Enquiries for either dinner dance tickets or tables at the

rally should go to Aidan Noone EI7ENB at 042-9371980. Tickets for Dinner Dance on Saturday the 24th cost 20 pounds and the club would appreciate any bookings as soon as possible.

Rooms are still available at the Fairways Hotel and can be booked directly with the hotel on 042-9321500. For those not wishing to stay in the hotel, there are plenty Bed & Breakfast establishments nearby.

John Alloy G3FKM

John Alloy G3FKM died on Sunday 7th March 1999 following a long illness. Renowned as one of the world's leading operators, his name was on the DXCC Honor Roll for many years. He was twice President of RSGB and a member of its Council for many years. He also served as RSGB HF Manager and was active on a number of its committees. He became Secretary of IARU Region 1 in 1984 and continued to hold that position until he died. He was well-known to, and well-liked by, many IRTS members. May he rest in peace.

Worked All Ireland Web Site

There is now a web-site available for Worked All Ireland enthusiasts. This can be accessed at: www.clubi.ie/wai The site includes updates any alterations to the WAI book together with details of the various awards and how these may be claimed. Directions for those seeking initial or additional books are included, and there are also sections covering aids to operation; HF, VHF and UHF activity and the rules covering all aspects of the Awards. An additional page gives details of other EI/GI Awards. In due course, new pages will cover lists of books and awards issued and an active e-mail list.

Anybody organizing mobile or portable operations on any band is asked to notify the Webmaster, Declan EI9HQ, so that he may post the relevant information. Declan's e-mail address is: ei9hq@clubi.ie

All WAI books ordered should be in the mail during the coming week.

Terenure College Radio Club

At its recent meeting, the IRTS Committee received an application for affiliation from Terenure College Radio club. The application was completed in full accordance with

the Constitution of the Society and was approved unanimously by the Committee.

Terenure College Radio Club meets in the College on Monday nights at 8.30 and will be very happy to welcome visitors to these meetings. George Adjaye is the Club Secretary and he may be contacted at 01-4908546. I'm sure all the members of IRTS will join with the Committee members in welcoming Terenure College Radio Club to the Society.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News can be faxed to 021-632730 or passed on the telephone to Dave EI4BZ on 021-632444 during the day or at 021-883555 in the evening.

Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR or on the phone at 01-4509514 or by E-mail to EI7IM@tinet.ie All input to either the radio news or newsletter can also be sent by e-mail to news@irts.ie

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